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★ The Path's Whereabouts ★

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SPIRAL ...!
TIGER HEART PALM!

WITH ALL THE GOLEM ARMS, HAIR, AND BINDS FLYING AROUND I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHAT'S GOING ON ANYMORE...
THAT'S A BATTLE BETWEEN MANIPULATION USERS FOR YOU.
THE ACCURACY AND POWER OF CREATION TECHNIQUES, AS WELL AS THE INTELLIGENCE TO CONSTRUCT THE BATTLE.
AND IN THOSE TWO'S CASE, THEY'RE SIMULTANEOUSLY THROWING THEIR BODIES INTO THE MIX WITH THEIR HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT.
REFUSING TO NEGLECT EITHER IS A GRUELING BATTLE STYLE, BUT ONCE THEY COMPLETE IT, THE RESULTS WILL BE QUITE IMPRESSIVE.

TRUMP CARD...?
AND ON TOP OF ALL THAT, CORONA-CHAN STILL HAS HER TRUMP CARD.
GRAPPLE CLAW!
SHOOT!

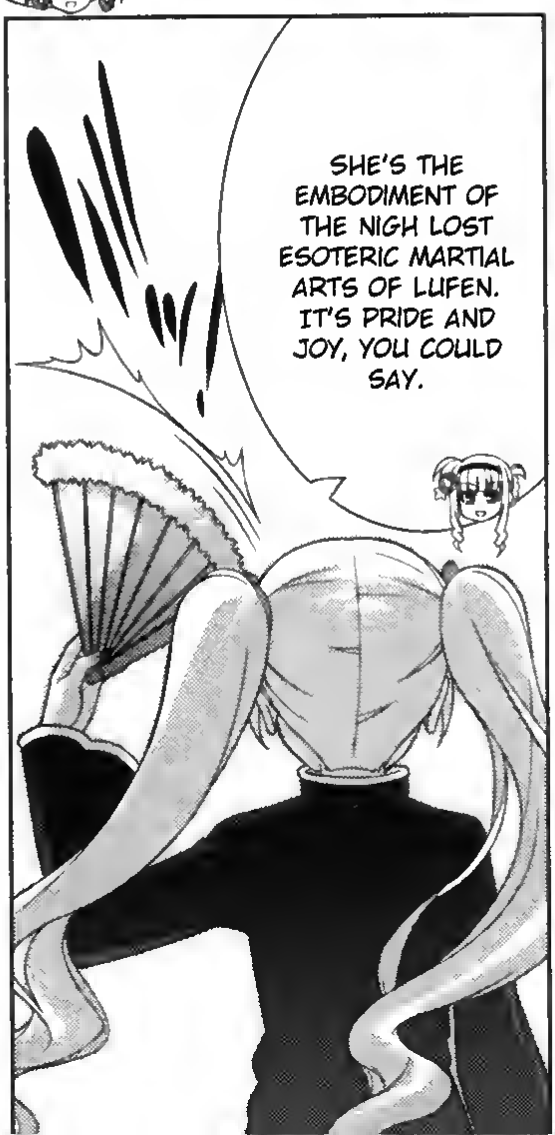
IN THE NAME OF CORONA THE CREATOR AND THE MAGIC TOOL BRUNZEL...
COME FORTH, DIVINE GIANT!

GIGANT KNUCKLE!
STRIKE AND BREAK! GOLIATH!!

AND THERE GOES THE BATTLE!
CORONA-CHAN!
YES!

WHEW~ SOMEHOW I MANAGED TO WIN, BUT TAO-SAN IS REALLY STRONG~
SORRY FOR HOW I STIRRED YOU GUYS UP FOR THAT MATCH~
AND YOUR CLOTHES ARE IN TATTERS NOW~
AH, IT'S FINE~ I JUST KIND OF MISSED THE TIMING FOR EQUIPPING MY JACKET ...
HOW'D I DO, RINNA-SAN?
INCLUDING THE VICTORY, YOU GOT A FULL 100 POINTS!
JUST WHAT I EXPECTED OF TEAM 1'S SMARTIES.
EHEHE♪ THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
SO CORONA-CHAN REALLY DID FIGURE OUT IT WAS THE ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR ...
I WONDER IF THE OTHER TEAMS ARE GOING THROUGH TRIALS LIKE OURS?

IRENE-SAN?
THE "SKILL" TEAM PROBABLY HAS IT THE WORST~ IRENE'S OVER THERE.
OUR FRIEND AND THE HEIRESS TO THE FIST OF THE LUSTROUS HUANG.
MM~ NOVE-CHAN'S IN CHARGE OF THE "POWER" TEAM, SO THEY'VE PROBABLY GOT IT PRETTY EASY...


SHE'S THE EMBODIMENT OF THE NIGH LOST ESOTERIC MARTIAL ARTS OF LUFEN. IT'S PRIDE AND JOY, YOU COULD SAY.

IF THEY HAD THEIR MAGIC IT WOULD BE ONE THING, BUT WITH JUST HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT, THEY PROBABLY CAN'T MATCH IRENE~

WELL, COMPARED TO EVERYONE ELSE IN OUR GENERATION, SHE'S IN A LEAGUE OF HER OWN.
SHE CERTAINLY IS~ JUST IN TERMS OF MARTIAL ARTS, SHE'S INSTRUCTOR CLASS OR BEYOND...
IS THIS IRENE-SAN REALLY THAT STRONG?

I MUST SAY, THE TWO OF YOU ARE QUITE TENACIOUS~
HAA
HAA...

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU GAVE UP?
AHAHA~
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN DO THAT!

ACTUALLY, AREN'T YOU GETTING TIRED, IRENE-SAN?
I DO FEEL KIND OF BAD THAT IT'S TWO AGAINST ONE...
HOHOHO! OF COURSE NOT!
I'M STILL FRESH AS A BREEZE.
U~GH... I WAS SUPPOSED TO TIRE THEM OUT AND HAVE THEM GIVE UP SO WE COULD MOVE ON TO THE NEXT DRILL, BUT...

ALL RIGHT, HERE I COME~!
THESE TWO EITHER REALLY DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP OR ARE JUST THAT STUBBORN ...
AS WELL AS...
ME TOO!
IT'S NOT MY IMAGINATION. THEY SHOULD BE SLOWING DOWN, BUT THEIR MOVEMENTS JUST KEEP GETTING BETTER.
I CAN'T CURL UP JUST BECAUSE I'M TIRED...

VIVIO-SAN'S FIST JUST NOW...!
TCH!
!?
I GRAZED HER A LITTLE!
THIS IS A MATCH!
WHAT NOW...!?

AXEL...!
SMASH!
...HUP!

SKY
FANG!

!?
TEEEEH!
I'm not a star meat bun, but yes
STAR MEAT BUN! YOUR MASTER'S PRETTY AWESOME~
YES! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
CARELESS...! I SUPPOSE YOU CAN SAY YOU'VE "TOUCHED ME" NOW...!

NOW IT'S MY TURN!
IRENE-SAN'S "UNTOUCHABLE TECHNIQUE" HAS TAUGHT ME A LOT!

HER MOVEMENT CHANGED...? NO, THIS IS...
JET STEP...!

SMASH!

AH...

HOH!
O...
OOF!

THAT WAS A CLEAN HIT ON IRENE...!

I CONCEDE! THE TWO OF YOU HAVE CLEARED THE TECHNIQUE TRIAL.
We did it~!!
ALL~ RIGHT. THAT MEANS YOU TWO ARE FREE TO GO!
BUT YOU'RE AMAZING, IRENE-SAN!
THANK YOU FOR THE EXCELLENT TRIAL!
IT JUST SOUNDS LIKE CONSOLATION WHEN YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT~
AH~ HOW FRUSTRATING! HOW UTTERLY HUMILIATING!!
SHE'S SERIOUSLY PISSED. GOOD JOB YOU GUYS!
AH... AHAHA...
A... AND...

I BROUGHT US SOMETHING TO DRINK OVER THERE. SOME WATER, SWEET AND SALTY FRUITS AND...
THE FIST OF THE LUSTROUS HUANG'S SPECIAL SWEET BEAN JELLY TOO!
AWAWA!
DEAD TIRED
I'M COMPLETELY BEAT...
Thank you very much!
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED BY THE TWO OF YOUR CAPABILITIES.

YEAH~ MY PARENTS RUN A LITTLE SHOP IN THE MOUNTAINS.
MIURA-SAN'S HOUSE IS A RESTAURANT, RIGHT?
THE TWO OF YOU COME FROM NORMAL FAMILIES, CORRECT?
THAT'S QUITE THE MANUAL LABOR~
BUT I HAVE TO DO SOME JOBS THAT REQUIRE STRENGTH FROM TIME TO TIME, LIKE GETTING SEAFOOD FROM THE HARBOR OR STACKING UP THE DRINKS~
THAT'S HARD...!
EVERY DAY TOO~
SO THAT'S HOW YOUR LEGS CAN THROW OUT THOSE KICKS.
IT'S A ROUNDABOUT ROUTE BY CAR, SO...
THAT'S QUITE THE DISTANCE!
AND A COURSE STRAIGHT THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS !?
HERE ARE SOME PICTURES. THIS IS THE HARBOR AND HERE'S THE RESTAURANT... I MAKE THIS ROUND TRIP EVERY DAY~

THE MOMS
MY MOMS ARE JUST REALLY GOOD AT USING MAGIC.

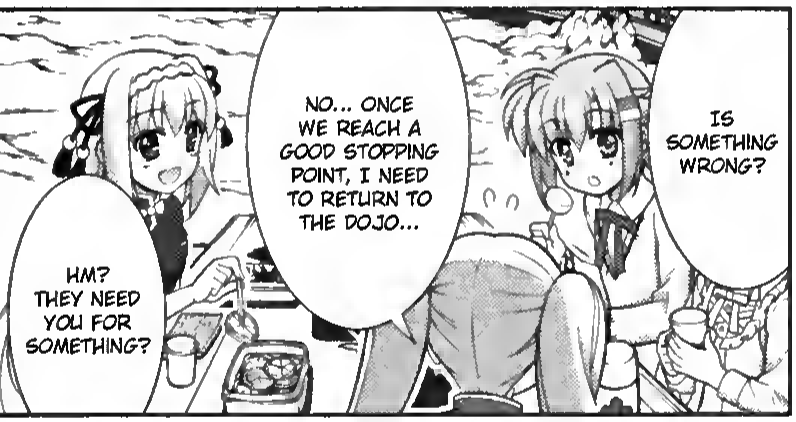
MY TWO MOMS ARE CIVIL SERVANTS. WE'RE A TOTALLY NORMAL FAMILY~
AND YOU, VIVIO-SAN?

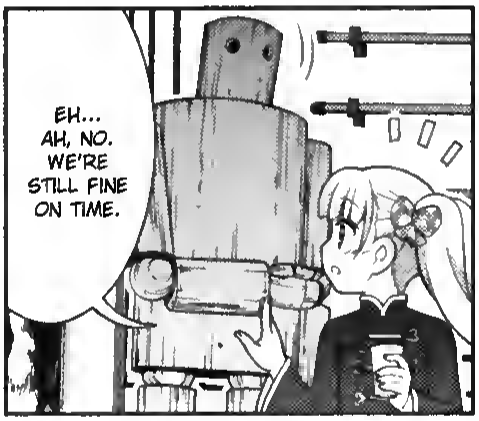
Reality
Imagination
HERE WE GO~
UFU FU FU...
AHAHAHA...
THEY'D USE BALLS OF MAGIC TO PLAY CATCH OR TARGET PRACTICE SINCE BEFORE I CAN EVEN REMEMBER~
I SEE~...

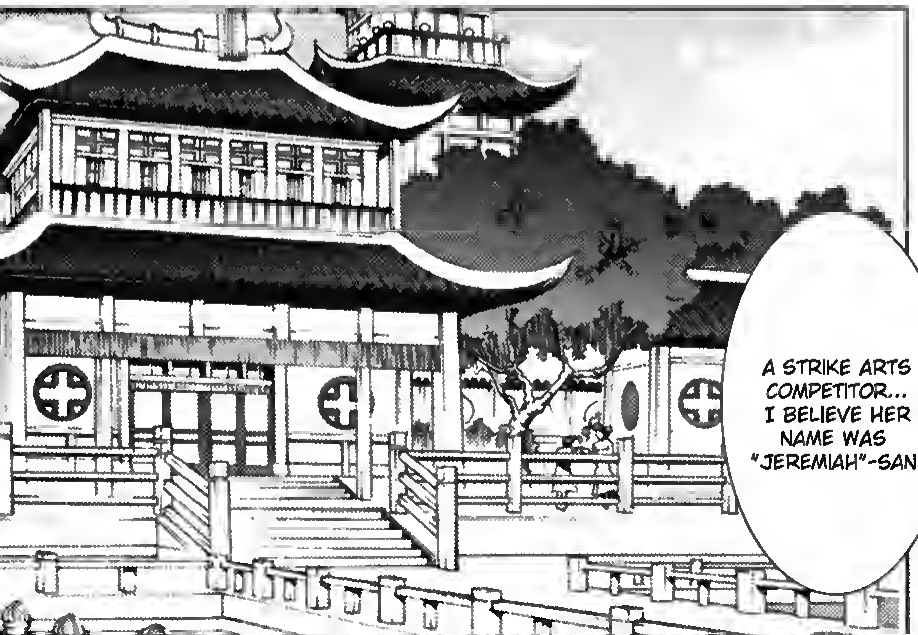
I SEE. THERE'S QUITE A BIT DIFFERENT FROM THE LUFEN MARTIAL ARTS IDEAL OF WALKING THROUGH ONE'S ENTIRE LIFE WITH ONE'S SELF-DEFENSE.

RIGHT!
BUT OUR TRAINING AND PRACTICE MATCHES SINCE STARTING STRIKE ARTS HAVE BEEN REALLY FUN!

BUT THE DAYS THESE GIRLS HAVE SPENT GAVE BIRTH TO THE TECHNIQUES THEY USE TODAY... AND THAT TOO IS A WAY OF THE WARRIOR.


HM? THEY NEED YOU FOR SOMETHING?
NO... ONCE WE REACH A GOOD STOPPING POINT, I NEED TO RETURN TO THE DOJO...
IS SOMETHING WRONG?


EH... AH, NO. WE'RE STILL FINE ON TIME.


A STRIKE ARTS COMPETITOR... I BELIEVE HER NAME WAS "JEREMIAH"-SAN.
YES. WE'RE HOSTING A GUEST FROM MID AT THE DOJO.

THIS OKAY? FOR US TO BORROW THESE?
IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT? WE CAME ALL THIS WAY FOR VACATION, WE SHOULD AT LEAST TRY TO FIT IN WITH THE LOCALS.
NO, I GET THAT, BUT~
I'M GLAD THEY PREPARED ONE FOR IX TOO~
くい、くい!
♪
BUT WOULDN'T MARTIAL ARTS GEAR BE BETTER FOR ME AT LEAST?
THESE CLOTHES ARE A PERFECT FIT FOR YOU, CHAMPION.

魔法少女
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…To Be Continued

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15巻です。

人間の年齢に直したら中学3年生です。しみじみです。

基本的にバカンスなので

のんびりまったりしつつも時々真面目なルーフェン修行編。

もう少し続きますが、

次の巻からはミッドに戻って新展開になります。

ヴィヴィオたちは日々集団行動が多いので、もう少し小さい単位

（2人セットとか）で、日常や練習のクローズアップが見たいという

ご意見もいただいており

試合に行く前にはそんな日常も描けたら良いなと思っています。

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もうしばらくお待ちいただければと。

それではまた16巻で！

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